

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on March 10, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 574, 2/25/2015; SB 94, 2/25/2015; SB 144, 2/25/2015; SB 168, 2/25/2015

00:00:03 Chair Essmann hands gavel to Rep. Hayman  
00:01:29 Chair Hayman

**HEARING ON SB 94**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:46 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 94, Revise laws related to the central stores warehouse.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:39 Steve Baiamonte, General Services Division Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA)  
00:05:56 Chair Hayman

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:06:21 Sen. Buttrey  
00:06:28 Chair Hayman

**HEARING ON SB 144**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:56 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 144, Revise laws to consolidate procurement accounts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:08:43 Steve Baiamonte, General Services Division Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA)  
00:10:26 Chair Hayman

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:46 Rep. Lamm  
00:11:05 Sen. Buttrey  
00:11:26 Steve Baiamonte, DOA  
00:11:38 Tami Gunlock, Office of Finance and Budget, Department of Administration (DOA)  
00:12:09 Rep. Lamm  
00:12:11 Tami Gunlock, DOA

00:12:29 Rep. Essmann  
00:12:51 Sen. Buttrey  
00:12:58 Rep. Essmann  
00:13:13 Sen. Buttrey  
00:13:16 *Rep. Wittich arrives*  
00:13:39 Rep. Essmann  
00:14:26 Steve Baiamonte, DOA  
00:15:20 Rep. Essmann  
00:15:30 Brad Sanders, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)  
00:16:00 Rep. Hayman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:16 Sen. Buttrey  
00:16:47 Rep. Hayman

**HEARING ON SB 168****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:23 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 168, Provide academic protections for students called to active duty.  
00:20:41 Chair Hayman

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:47 Brigadier General Bryan P. Fox, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
00:21:40 Chair Hayman  
00:21:46 Ron Muffick, Director of Student Affairs, Montana University System (MUS)  
00:22:31 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)  
00:23:12 Jim Higgins, National Guard Associations of Montana (NGAM)  
00:25:48 Chair Hayman

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:27 Rep. Wittich  
00:26:55 Sen. Buttrey  
00:26:59 Rep. Wittich  
00:27:42 Sen. Buttrey  
00:27:47 Chair Hayman  
00:27:52 Rep. Funk  
00:28:12 Sen. Buttrey  
00:28:30 Rep. Karjala  
00:29:17 Sen. Buttrey  
00:29:45 Rep. Karjala  
00:29:55 Sen. Buttrey  
00:30:20 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:30:46 Sen. Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:12 Sen. Buttrey  
00:32:07 Chair Hayman  
00:32:10 Sen. Buttrey  
00:32:45 Chair Hayman

**HEARING ON HB 574****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:04 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 574, Revise compensation definition and funding in police and fire retirement systems.  
00:39:34 Chair Hayman

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:39:43 Jerry Williams, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)  
00:44:18 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)  
00:52:01 Chair Hayman  
00:52:12 Kurt Bushnell, retired firefighter, Bozeman  
00:56:19 Chair Hayman  
00:56:33 John Bedford, President, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)  
01:01:33 Chair Hayman  
01:01:43 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)  
01:05:50 Chair Hayman  
01:05:55 Mark Murphy, Montana Police Protective Agency (MPPA)  
01:07:37 Chair Hayman

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:**

01:08:00 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:08:37 Rep. Garner  
01:09:20 Rep. Essmann  
01:09:45 Rep. Garner  
01:10:05 Rep. Essmann  
01:10:26 Rep. Wittich  
01:11:33 Rep. Essmann  
01:13:09 Rep. Wittich  
01:15:24 Rep. Essmann  
01:16:33 Rep. Wittich  
01:17:40 Rep. Essmann  
01:18:45 Rep. Harris  
01:19:32 Rep. Essmann  
01:22:25 Rep. Karjala  
01:23:20 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
01:23:43 Rep. Karjala

01:24:03 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
01:24:36 Rep. Wittich  
01:25:17 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
01:26:07 Rep. Wittich  
01:26:55 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
01:27:05 Rep. Hayman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:16 Rep. Essmann  
01:27:55 Chair Hayman

01:28:15 Rep. Essmann  
01:28:34 Chair Hayman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:28:43

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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